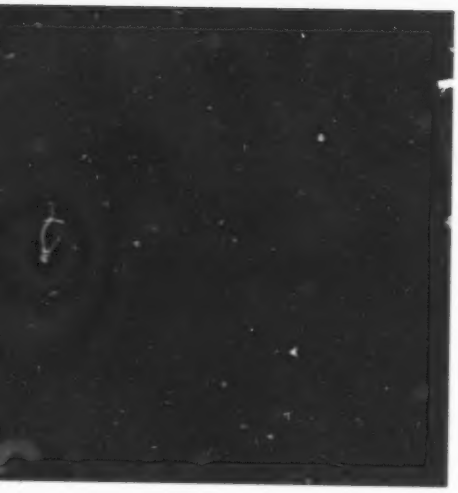

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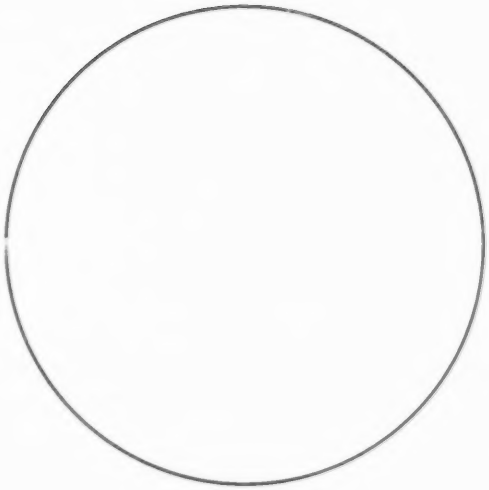

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LETTER DATED 10 MAY 1999 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF BURKINA FASO TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to transmit herewith texts of communiqués issued today, 10 May 1999, by the Central Organ of the Organization of African Unity Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution at its fifty-seventh ordinary session, held at ambassadorial level, on the situation in Angola, the Comoros and Guinea-Bissau (see annexes).

I should be grateful if the decisions taken by the OAU Central Organ on the above-mentioned subjects could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Michel KAFANDO
Ambassador, Permanent Representative
of Burkina Faso
Current Chairman of OAU

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Annex I

[Original: English]

Communiqué on the situation in Guinea-Bissau issued by the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-seventh ordinary session, held at ambassadorial level at Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999

The Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution held its fifty-seventh ordinary session at ambassadorial level in Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999 under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Abdelkerim Mahamat, Ambassador of Chad to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to OAU. The Central Organ considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in Guinea-Bissau.

At the end of its deliberations, the Central Organ:

1. Condemned the coup d'état that has taken place in Guinea-Bissau at a time sustained efforts were being made by ECOWAS and the international community to find a durable solution to the conflict in that country;

2. Demanded the immediate restoration of constitutional legality and respect for the Interim Agreement negotiated between the parties under the auspices of ECOWAS and reiterated its support for the Agreement;

3. Appealed to the international community to do everything possible to support the early return to constitutional legality in Guinea-Bissau;

4. Further appealed to OAU member States and the international community to provide humanitarian assistance to the victims of the recent developments in that country;

5. Stressed the need for dialogue with a view to ensuring national reconciliation in Guinea-Bissau and an early organization, within the deadline mutually agreed upon by the parties, of free, fair and transparent elections;

6. Decided to remain seized of the matter and to act as appropriate.

Annex II

[Original: English]

Communiqué on the situation in the Federal Islamic Republic of the Comoros issued by the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-seventh ordinary session, held at ambassadorial level at Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999

The Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution held its fifty-seventh ordinary session at ambassadorial level in Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Abdelkerim Mahamat, Ambassador of Chad to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to OAU. The Central Organ considered the report of the Secretary-General on the situation in the Federal Republic of the Comoros since the coup d'état of 30 April 1999.

Following its deliberations, the Central Organ:

1. Reiterated its strong and unequivocal condemnation of the coup d'état of 30 April 1999, which seriously compromises the implementation of the Antananarivo Agreement and its demand for immediate restoration of the constitutional order;

2. Reaffirmed its support for the Antananarivo Agreement, which is a viable basis for a lasting resolution of the crisis within the respect of the principle of the unity and territorial integrity of the Comoros;

3. Renewed its request to the Anjouanese Party to sign, without further delay, the Antananarivo Agreement in conformity with the commitment it made at the Comorian Inter-Island Conference;

4. Decided, pursuant to the recommendations of the Maputo meeting of the countries of the region and the Troika of the OAU Central Organ, to withdraw the military component of the OAU Observer Mission in the Comoros (OMIC) given the absence of a conducive climate for the military observers to achieve their mandate;

5. Further decided to review the presence of the OAU Mission in the Comoros if there is no positive evolution of the problem and to take measures as appropriate;

6. Requested the countries of the region, in conformity with the mandate entrusted to them, in cooperation with the Troika of the OAU Central Organ and the OAU Secretary-General, to consider any other measures that can be taken in response to the unacceptable situation in the Comoros;

7. Called upon all OAU member States and the international community at large to withhold any cooperation with the military authorities, which would have the effect of perpetrating their military rule in the Archipelago.

Annex III

[Original: English]

Communiqué on the official working visit of the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to Angola, from 5 to 7 May 1999, issued by the Central Organ of the Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution of the Organization of African Unity at its fifty-seventh ordinary session, held at ambassadorial level at Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999

The Central Organ of the OAU Mechanism for Conflict Prevention, Management and Resolution held its fifty-seventh ordinary session at ambassadorial level in Addis Ababa on 10 May 1999 under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Abdelkerim Mahamat, Ambassador of Chad to Ethiopia and Permanent Representative to OAU. The Central Organ was briefed by the Secretary-General on the outcome of his official working visit to Angola, from 5 to 7 May 1999.

At the end of the briefing, the Central Organ:

1. Took note of the briefing by the Secretary-General and commended him for undertaking the visit;

2. Requested the Secretary-General to continue with his efforts, in close consultation with the Government of Angola and the United Nations, to address the political and humanitarian aspects of the conflict in Angola;

3. Renewed its appeal to OAU member States and the international community to scrupulously respect and implement all United Nations Security Council resolutions applying sanctions against UNITA;

4. Appealed to all OAU member States and the wider international community to extend maximum assistance to address the humanitarian consequences of the war in Angola;

5. Decided to remain actively seized of developments in Angola.